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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- (3) Response to Final Office Action (12 pages).

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This responds to the September 19, 2001 Final Office Action. Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the following remarks. Since no claims are amended in this response, Applicant believes that consideration of the remarks requires no further search by the Examiner.

<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1 and 3-26 are pending, all of which stand rejected.

Claims 1, 8, 9, 12, 14, 17, 18/21 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Lashkari et al. (Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 1997, 94: 13057-13062). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Independent Claim 1 recites "hybridizing the microarray with a mixture of labeled synthetic oligonucleotides...." One of ordinary skill in the art would understand the term "synthetic oligonucleotide" to refer to an oligonucleotide prepared by chemical synthesis. Applicant can find no teaching or suggestion in Lashkari et al. of a microarray hybridized with chemically synthesized oligonucleotides.

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